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Dear children Herbert and Lillian:-

We received and read your welcome communication to us of Herbert's improvement. We will praise the Lord His name shall be exalted. We have presented Herbert's case in prayer, and have had the most satisfactory assurance in every season of prayer; just as though audible words were uttered, "Satan is the Destroyer; I am your Redeemer, your Restorer." When the case was seemingly the most discouraging, a clear representation of Christ, the great Physician, ^{was} standing by Herbert's side, lifting up his own standard against the enemy, which was the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Beyond this, Satan could not possibly pass. He could not pass this shield of holy light.

Of that we had increased faith in God, as One whose ear is not heavy that he cannot hear, whose arm is not shortened that he cannot save. [That all could behold our precious Saviour as he is, a Saviour.] Let his hand draw aside the veil which conceals his glory from our eyes. It shows him in his high and holy place. What do we see? Our Saviour, not in a position of silence and inactivity. He is surrounded with heavenly intelligences, cherubim and seraphim, ten thousand times ten thousand of angels. All these heavenly beings have one object above all others, in which they are intensely interested, — His church in a world of corruption. [All these armies are in the ser-

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... of the Father, who taketh away
 ... world. They are working for Christ under his com-
 ... of the uttermost all who look to him and believe in
 ... these heavenly intelligences are ^{seeding} on their mission, doing
 ... that which Herod and Pilate did against him. They confederate
 ... to uphold the honor and the glory of God. They are united in
 ... alliance, in a grand and sublime unity of purpose, to show forth
 ... power and compassion and love and glory of the crucified and risen
 ...

In their service, these armies of heaven illustrate what the
church of God should be. Christ is working in their behalf in the
 heavenly courts, sending out his messengers to all parts of the globe,
 to the assistance of every suffering one who looks to him for relief,
 for spiritual life and knowledge. The church of Christ on earth, ^{is} amid
 the moral darkness of a disloyal world, which is trampling upon the law
 of Jehovah. But their Redeemer, who has purchased their ransom with the
 price of his own precious blood, has made every provision that his church
 shall be a transformed body, illumined with the Light of the
 world, possessing the glory of Emmanuel, The bright beams of the Sun
 of Righteousness, shining through his church, will gather into his
 fold every lost, straying sheep, who will come unto him and find refuge
 in him. They will find peace and light and joy in Him who ~~is~~ is peace
and righteousness] for ever and ever.

In much love,